Value of Gems and Jewellery Exported

727. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total value of gems and jewellery exported from India during the last three years, till date, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have evolved any special scheme for acceleration in this sector;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether India is the largest importer of rough diamonds; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The total value of gems and jewellery exported from India during the last three years is as follows :

	Value in US $ Mn
1990-91	2987.40
1991-92	2929.89
1992-93 (Provisional)	3241.22

(Source : GJEPC)

(b) and (c) Exporters of gems and jewellery are provided access to import of duty free raw materials, and are assisted for participation in fairs and exhibitions and for market survey of foreign markets. Training facilities are also provided through Indian Diamond Institute and G&JEPC.

(d) and (e) Volume-wise India is the largest importer of rough diamonds. Imports for the last 3 years were as follows :

Year	Million Carats	US $ Mn.
1990-91	37.1	1975.19
1991-92	54.6	1897.42
1992-93 (Prov.)	73.2	2185.75

(Source : G&JEPC)

Reaction of Indian Drug Manufacturers a Association on Dunkel Proposals

728. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Drug Manufacturer's Association has recently accused his Ministry of spreading misinformation regarding the impact of the proposals on patent contained in the Dunkel draft as per the news item entitled "IDMA accuses Ministry of misinformation of campaign" which appeared in the Indian Express (Business Express) dated the 15th April, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and